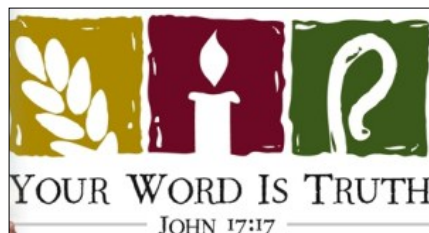


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- 09.45 **Arrival – coffee**
- 10.00 **Welcome – Introduction**
- 10.15 **Why Read the Bible?**
Vatican II opening up the Scriptures
Bishop Kieran O'Reilly SMA
- 11.15 **Break**
- 11.30 **Liturgy that Breathes Life**
Vatican II helping us to pray and worship
Liam Lawton Julie Kavanagh
- 12.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30 **Believing and Belonging**
Vatican II calling us to become the People of God
Dermot Ryan Aoife McGrath
- 14.30 **Break**
- 14.45 **The Church and Society**
Vatican II calling us to play our part as Christians
- 15.30 **Prayer Time**
Led by Liam Lawton & Julie Kavanagh
- 15.45 **Conclusion**



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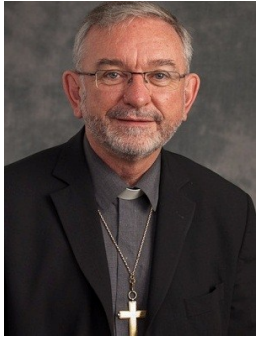
Reliving Vatican II



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The Clare Inn

Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co Clare



Bishop Kieran O'Reilly entered the Society of African Missions in 1970 and was ordained in 1978. He served in Liberia for two years before studying for a licentiate in Scripture in Rome. From 1984 to 1989 Kieran lectured at the major seminary in Ibadan, Nigeria. He then served on the Irish and International Councils of the Society of African Missions. At the time of his appointment as Bishop in 2010 he was serving his second term as Superior General of the Society.

Dermot Ryan was ordained a priest for Ossory diocese in 2001. He completed a doctorate at the Gregorian University, Rome on Method in Theology in 2010. Dermot serves curate as curate Thomastown parish and as chaplain in St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. In addition to teaching in St Patrick College Maynooth and St Patrick's College Carlow, Dermot also leads the Adult Faith Development Programme in his diocese.

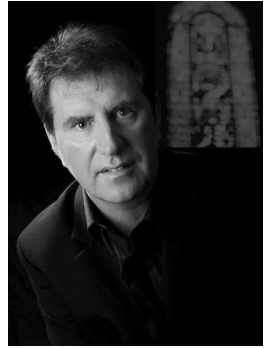


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Aoife McGrath is a native of Bodyke, Co Clare. She is a graduate of the Pontifical University in Maynooth and Mater Dei Institute, Dublin. Her theological interests include moral theology, marriage, ministry, and professional ethics in pastoral ministry. Aoife has worked as a Parish Pastoral Worker in the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore and is currently a Research Assistant for the Catholic Education Service. She also lectures at Mater Dei Institute, Dublin.



Liam Lawton is a priest of Kildare and Leighlin diocese. He is a composer and singer of sacred music and to date has recorded 14 collections. His performances have brought him to such stages as Carnegie Hall, New York, Chicago Symphony Hall, Annahiem Convention Centre Los Angeles, National Concert Hall Dublin, the Vatican, The White House and many of the world's sacred sites. Liam's book *The Hope Prayer ~ a book of poetic reflections* became a best seller in 2010/11.



The Diocese of Killaloe has organised this one day gathering, '**Opening the Windows**', to give us an opportunity to reflect on how the Second Vatican Council can help us live as Christians today. Vatican II which has been described as the most important event in the life of our Church in modern times, began its work fifty years ago. Pope John XXIII called the Council because he wanted "to throw open the windows of the Church so that we can see out and the people can see in.". To help us relive and rediscover the richness of this great event Pope Benedict XVI has declared 2013 a Year of Faith.

During our Conference we shall reflect on four important topics discussed by the Council:

- The Word of God;
- Prayer and liturgy;
- Being part of the Church;
- Church and society.

The approach will be practical with the focus on the daily experience of living as a Christian in today's world. The day will provide an occasion to reflect on the beauty of our faith, to share and to encourage each other.

Attendance is free and lunch is provided.

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